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News from the  
Southeast Region Civil Air Patrol  
Col Matt Sharkey, Commander



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## SER Encampment

The 2005-2006 Southeast Region Winter Encampment held at Tyndall AFB was a basic introduction to the military way of life and an opportunity to experience leadership training, through hard work and discipline.

At 0900 on the first day, the NCO Academy opened its doors to what appeared to be a never-ending line of cadets. Cadets (a.k.a. Doolies) received their number one tool: the Basic Cadet Operating Instruction booklet which contained information such as the cadet oath and chain of command. In his welcome letter, Cadet Commander C/Lt Col Andrew Anderson assured the cadets that by the time they graduated from the encampment, they would leave with the knowledge of how to be a better person, cadet and future officer.

Next door to the Doolies were cadets attending the 2005 Region Cadet Leadership School. The RCLS program teaches the cadets core values like integrity, volunteer service, excellence



**Cadets Samuel and Che work on a Suduko puzzle as part of a teamwork exercise**

and respect. They were instructed by Maj Hugh Sloan and Maj Michael Goblet who believe that their students are attending this course because they have “hopes and dreams” and are here to “grow and learn.” The RCLS course is difficult and challenging, and it gives cadets the chance to grow as officers and individuals, as well as a team.

When cadets heard the order to “hit the walls” they began physical training (PT). After stretches and warm ups they began vigorous physical training. PT is not only a way to get the Doolies’ blood pumping in the morning, but it also shows them that they can go beyond their current limits.

On Friday night, at The Tyndall AFB Enlisted Club, guests arrived in droves for the Encampment Banquet. SER Commander, Col Matthew Sharkey, joined the Doolies for a night no one would soon forget. Deputy Cadet Commander, C/Lt Col Korona served as Mr. Vice for the dining-in. Col Korona opened the



**1Lt Robert Goodreau USAF, Lt Col Hugh Sloan, Director RCLS, and Maj Mike Goblet discuss RCLS coursework**

*Excerpted from the Daily Doolie Newsletter*



**Cadets enjoy a game of Volleyball**

mess, introduced the Grog and the rules of the mess. The Grog is a concoction most humans wouldn’t normally consume. Highlights

included C/Col Olson’s “Grogging” by PAO Staff and C/ Maj Karbowski singing “You’ve Lost That Loving Feeling.”

After the Grog was closed, Col Sharkey presented Commanders Commendations, Meritorious Service Awards, and presented Lt Col Robert Masiker, Encampment Commander, with an Exceptional Service Award. To close the banquet, Doolies perform skits. Skits ranged from imitating encampment scenarios and impersonating staff.

C/Maj Tubonjic said of his involvement at encampment: “I really learned a lot about myself as well as other cadets while at the encampment.”



**C/Lt Col Christopher Todd and C/Lt Col Justin Fenley enjoy the skits put on by Doolies at the banquet**



# Commander's Comments

## Encourage Your Teammates

The people who work at NASA are a team. Each one, from the cleaning crew to the head engineer, feels he or she is a part of the “finished product.” A janitor at the space center in Houston was once asked what he did for a living. He said he “help[ed] put men on the moon.” I’m sure it is true. I have a good friend who enjoyed the honor of visiting the Cape during a launch. As a guest of one of the engineers, she went into the command center for the post-launch success meal of beans and cornbread. The “suits” walked up to my friend and said, “congratulations on a job well done,” not knowing she wasn’t an employee. Basically, every person there congratulated and offered congratulations to everyone else. Secretaries, astronaut trainees, fork lift operators, and NASA officials share equally the successes of the organization as a whole.

Are we that way in Civil Air Patrol? Do we who are Aerospace Education specialists cheer when the Search and Rescue group has a successful training mission? Do the Pilots look at the newsletter and give a heartfelt “thumbs up” to the PAOs? Are we as individuals sincerely happy for the successes and triumphs of those who aren’t in our “area”?

While I strongly support the tracks we have, and encourage specialization, we do need to keep ourselves open to learning, and expanding our horizons.

I’m sure we’ve all been to a management seminar where we’ve learned about the TEAM adage: Together Everyone Achieves More. We need to live and breathe that motto. We are a team. We are in this together. Yes, some members get more kudos than others, just like in the Superbowl (which we’ll see this month). They may have an MVP (Most Valuable Player), but one team—not one person—will win.

With the struggles we now face as an organization (see Maj Gen Pineda’s article on page 10) we especially need to work as a unit. Let’s work harder than ever to have the mindset of a team. If we can do this, think of how much further along we could be, as a team, and you could be as an individual.

## Mark Your Calendar

2-4 March	Winter National Board, DC
11-12 March	Professional Development Weekend, FLWG
25-26 March	SER Cadet Competition, Ft. Benning
7-9 April	GAWG Conference, Jeckyll Island
28-30 April	MSWG Conference, Gulf Port
28-30 April	ALWG Conference, Huntsville
5-7 May	FLWG Conference, Orlando

Quote of the month:  
“Build for your team a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another and of strength to be derived by unity.”

—Vince Lombardi

## Happy Birthday Staff Members

Luis Negron, 2/5  
Pete Leet, 2/27

## February Service Anniversaries

Frank Basile	11 Years
Wes Hannah	12 Years
Joel Katz	25 Years
Dewey Painter	7 Years
Kelly Sharkey	3 Years



# Encampment Chaplains are “in the game” with cadets

By Capt Michelle Becker

What is one of the best pieces of advice Doolies can receive to help them get through the week of Encampment? “Take one day at a time.” This and other words of wisdom and comfort can be heard from a very vital member of the senior staff—the Encampment Chaplain. This year, SER Winter Encampment 05-06 was grateful to have Chaplain (Maj) Elmer Schrag from Port Charlotte, FL on board for the week.

Summer and Winter Encampments, hosted by select wings and regions, are a vital part of the cadet program and are always in need of a chaplain, retired or active duty.

“It is very hard to get chaplains for encampment,” says Capt Virginia Knudsen, Deputy Commander for the encampment, “especially for Winter Encampment because it’s during Christmas break [and Hanukah] and most are busy with services for their home congregations.”

Because of this, “retired chaplains are our best resource for the winter session, and we really appreciate the sacrifice they make,” she added.

Most CAP chaplains are trained for emergency missions, but the encampment staff provides specific training for chaplains prior to the week-long encampment. Many times, host-base chaplains assist the encampment chaplain, as well as Moral Leadership Officers.

This is Chaplain Schrag’s fourth encampment, and second at Tyn-dall for the December session. He feels it is very important to have a chaplain on staff.

“The most important reason to

have a chaplain at encampment is the visibility of a clergy, which represents the holy,” says Schrag. “Cadets need someone to go to for problems; someone to remind them to take one day at a time and to lend them assurance and moral support.”

There are great personal benefits for the chaplains as well. “I like being part of something bigger than myself,” Schrag says. “I feel the spirit of this service organization and the pride of wearing the uniform.” Chaplains’ contributions to encampments include counseling, religious services, moral leadership training, and providing comfort to cadets. Each evening they lead an optional spiritual service for cadets, which is termed “Reflections” by the SER Winter Encampment.

“I believe CAP has prayer and moral leadership because they build character,” Schrag says. “These young people are formulating what life is about and what it means to be a leader of quality.”

He strongly adds, “I admire

people in this age-group. They give it their all—they are very sincere in what they are doing here. I’m not as young as they are, but I identify with them.”



**C/SMSgt Jennifer Jay participates in a Hanukah ceremony during the Dining Out held on Dec. 30.**

*Cadets and staff of the Jewish faith held several small ceremonies throughout the week, since the Jewish holiday coincided with Encampment.*

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## Senior Personnel Changes

The following announcement(s) are made in accordance with the CAP Constitution & Bylaws and/ or CAPR 20-1.

1. Effective 11 February, Colonel John Tilton will be assigned as the SER Vice Commander.

2. Effective 11 February, Lt Col Mike Oakman will be assigned as the Alabama Wing Commander.

3. Effective 8 April, Lt Col

Willie Heredia will be assigned as the Georgia Wing Commander.

4. Effective immediately, Lt Col Fred Swearingen is assigned as the SER Protocol Officer.

5. Effective immediately, C/Lt Col Andrew Anderson is assigned as the SER Cadet Advisory Council Chairperson.

6. Effective 22 April, Col Don Greene will be assigned as the SER Inspector General.



## SEADS Mission Brief

SER aircrew members from FL, GA, AL, MS, and TN Wings in addition to TX, LA, and SC, regularly conduct missions to assist Air National Guard Fighter squadrons to maintain and fine-tune their mission readiness protocols instituted to detect and intercept unauthorized aircraft within US airspace. Lt Col Ernie Bilotto, coordinates-directs CAP assets to conform to Air National Guard mission profiles, in addition to flying-holding several multi-engine ratings to include the GA8 for use during missions. Pilots and crews are required to maintain proficiency aboard twin engine aircraft, the Cessna 182 and GA8. The AOR stretches from a point in Texas to Virginia.

Maj Gen Antonio Pineda approved the CAP-SEADS emblem, shown above. The CAP-SEADS emblem was designed by Lt Col Bilotto and Cols Palermo and Greenhut for issuance to CAP-



SEADS aircrews. The image above is taken from a CAP aircraft during one such operation. Personnel having currency/proficiency in the above aircraft who are interested in serving, are advised to contact their Wing CD Officer.

*Submitted by Capt E Kessler, SER Asst to Lt Col Ernie Bilotto, SER CD/Director*

## AL Member Receives Prestigious Award

Huntsville, AL--Otha "Skeet" Vaughan, a member of Huntsville Composite Squadron, has been awarded the 2006 Losey Atmospheric Sciences Award by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The Robert M. Losey Award was established in memory of Capt Robert Losey, a meteorological officer in the US Army, who was killed in 1940 in Norway. He was the first officer in the service of the United States to die in World War II. According to the AIAA, the "Losey Atmospheric Sciences Award [is] presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the atmospheric sciences as applied to the advancement of aeronautics and astronautics."



Otha "Skeet" Vaughan

Mr. Vaughan's award reads "For the innovative exploitation and promotion space flight to explore the atmosphere and discovery of important processes of the global electrical circuit-Red Sprites and Blue Jets." Red Sprites and Blue Jets are electrical discharges above the anvil of a thunderstorm only seen from above the storm and cannot be seen except on low light video. In addition to this, Mr. Vaughan contributed to engineering and research problems relating to the Apollo program, the Lunar Exploration program (Lunar Rover), Skylab, and the Space Shuttle program as a mission support scientist for Shuttle Space Lab J. He has received other awards including his 2001 induction into Clemson University's Thomas G. Clemson Academy of Engineers and Scientists.

Mr. Vaughan is retired from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. He holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Clemson University and took advanced courses at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He served in the US Air Force and retired as a Lt Col in the Air Force Reserves. He is an active general aviation pilot who soloed in 1946.

## Cadet Programs

*By Major Vickie Meyer*

It's official! The SER Cadet Competition will be held at Ft. Benning on 25-26 March. As I stated last issue, I will need many



volunteers. Please let me know how you would like to help.

On **21 February** and **21 March**, all Wing DCPs and Deputy DCPs are asked to participate in a conference call at 8 pm EST. Please contact me at [vmeyer@ser.cap.gov](mailto:vmeyer@ser.cap.gov) for the specific phone number and extension number.

# WWII Woman Air Force Service Pilot Soars

By Capt Michelle Becker

You would think that 89-year-old Civil Air Patrol Command Pilot Lt Col Ruth Hubert would be one of the few people who could legitimately say, "I've done it all," when it comes to flying.

After all, she was a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II, training male pilots for the war and ferrying and testing aircraft; was a charter member of the Civil Air Patrol in 1942; and has flown and competed in many air shows and aerobatic competitions. Those are just a very few of her many aeronautical accomplishments.

Amazingly, the one thing she hadn't done, until Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, was fly in a glider!

Recently, she had mentioned to someone that she had never flown in a glider, and that was all it took for her friends in the Pinellas Senior Squadron to make arrangements for a flight with the Florida Wing Group 8 Glider Operation and the Tampa Bay Soaring Society (TBSS). She was awarded the flight at the Pinellas Senior Squadron Christmas Party.

Saturday dawned a perfect glider day, with blue skies and fluffy, lift-producing cumulus clouds.

Civil Air Patrol Maj Howard "Chip" Chipman was the pilot of

the Grob 103 glider and gave Lt Col Hubert some pre-flight instruction and familiarization before climbing in the back seat to go up with her.

"It was a great honor to go up with her and offer a different flying experience to someone who has experienced so much in aviation," said Chipman.

"She did about 95% of the flying and did great," he said. "I was very impressed by all of her experience and background, and the fact that she probably had to face a lot of oppression and stereotyping to accomplish all of the things she has."

The crew of two were towed to three thousand feet, released and stayed aloft for an hour over beautiful Zephyrhills, FL, gaining several thousand feet of altitude.

While at altitude, Maj Chipman demonstrated several maneuvers including wingovers. Lieutenant Colonel Hubert ran through her own series of maneuvers including a stall series and steep turns just to become familiar with glider flying.

Some cadets got to be a part of the experience too. C/SMSgt Thomas Teamoh, C/SrA Kevin Rafferty, and C/A1C Destiny Valentine handled complete ground operations. They are from the highly experienced Group 8 launch team from the St. Peters-



**Lt Col Ruth Hubert gets a pre-flight briefing from glider pilot Maj Howard Chipman before they soared on Saturday, January 28.**

burg Cadet Squadron, where they launch gliders at least two weekends each month.

Cadet Valentine enjoyed being a part of the event.

"She was cool, very lively," said Valentine of Hubert. "You could tell she had a really good time up there."

When the glider landed, Hubert was all smiles and exclaimed, "Wow! That was fun—I want to do it again!"

And do it again she may, as she now has an open invitation from the TBSS to return for more soaring whenever she likes.

In the Civil Air Patrol, Lt Col Hubert has held many assignments including Squadron Commander and Emergency Services Officer. She has also been a very active Cadet Orientation Pilot. Many U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and airline pilots received their very first flight with this amazing woman as their pilot.

*Capt Becker is the Assistant Editor, SER Newsletter*



**The glider ground crew, comprised of cadets from the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron, prepares for Lt Col Hubert's first glider launch.**



# Region Medical

By Lt Col Patricia Faunt

## New Guidelines For Emergency Cardiovascular Care

The American Heart Association (AHA) issued new guidelines for CPR and emergency cardiovascular care. The AHA has tried to simplify the existing guidelines.



New available evidence suggests, "the most important determinant of survival from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the presence of a trained rescuer who is ready, willing, able, and equipped to act." The most significant changes in the guidelines attempt to simplify CPR instruction, to increase the number of chest compressions per minute and reduce interruption in chest compressions during CPR.

The following are the most significant new recommendations:

The lay rescuer no longer needs to assess signs of circulation before beginning chest compressions but should instead be taught to deliver 2 rescue breaths to the unresponsive victim who is not breathing and to then begin chest compressions immediately.

Instructions for rescue breaths are simplified: all breaths, whether delivered mouth-to-mouth, mouth-to-mask, bag-mask, or bag-to-advanced airway, should be given over 1 second with sufficient volume to achieve visible chest rise.

The lay rescuer no longer needs to be trained in rescue breathing without chest compressions.

A single or universal compression-to-ventilation ration of 30:2 is recommended for single rescuers of victims of all ages, except for newborn infants. This recommendation should simplify teaching and provide longer periods of uninterrupted chest compressions.

For the pediatric basic life support guidelines for healthcare providers, the definition of pediatric victim is modified to preadolescent (prepubescent) victim. However, there is no change to the lay rescuer application of child CPR guidelines (1 to 8 years.)

The importance of chest compressions is emphasized. Rescuers will be taught to push hard, push fast (at 100 compressions per minute), to allow complete chest recoil, and to minimize interruptions in chest compressions.

For unwitnessed arrest, EMS services providers may consider provision of about 5 cycles (or about 2 minutes) of CPR before defibrillation, particularly when

the interval from the call to the EMS dispatcher to response at the scene is more than 4 to 5 minutes.

During treatment of pulseless arrest, about 5 cycles (or about 2 minutes) of CPR should be provided between rhythm check. Instead of checking the rhythm or a pulse immediately after shock delivery, rescuers should immediately resume CPR, beginning with chest compressions, and they should check the rhythm at 5 cycles of CPR.

There are new guidelines concerning advanced airway, administration of medications, treatment of ventricular fibrillations and quite a few other changes.

You can find all these changes at [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org).

Probably the biggest challenge at this time is to re-train lay rescuers and healthcare providers in simple, high quality CPR skills that can be easily taught as well as remembered.

To sum it up, please remember to re-train your skills before making any changes. Rescuers in the future will be pushing hard, pushing fast, and allowing full chest recoil.

Take care and be aware.

*Lt Col Faunt is the Southeast Region Nurse Officer*

## FL PDW Scheduled

Mark your calendars now for the Florida Spring PDW 11-12 March, 9 am – 5 pm Saturday and 9 am – 4 pm Sunday in Sarasota.

Our goal for each PDW is to provide an outstanding educational experience for our new and experienced wing members who are pursuing the next level in their professional development, a specialty track, promotion or simply want to benefit from learning more about

CAP and how to contribute in an informed and positive way to the Florida Wing.

The quickest and simplest registration method is to send an email to Maj Sharon Taylor at [flwgpdpd@earthlink.net](mailto:flwgpdpd@earthlink.net). Email messages should include your name, address, phone, unit, and the course you will be attending. Then bring the CAPF 17 (Application for Senior Member Activities) to

the course. Forms are available at [www.flwg.cap.gov](http://www.flwg.cap.gov) or [www.capnhq.gov](http://www.capnhq.gov). You will also need to bring a completed CAPF 60 to the PDW. If email is not convenient, mail your CAPF 17 to Maj Sharon Taylor, FLWG Director of Professional Development, PO Box 5087, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33310.

# Joint Effort Locates ELT

By Capt Jim Phillips

Elements of the Savannah Composite, Augusta Composite, and Brunswick/St. Simons Island Senior Squadrons came together on Mission 06M-007 when an ELT was activated along the Georgia/South Carolina border between Augusta and Savannah, GA.

Lt Col Don Wheeler, Jr., Capt Steve Wages, and Lt Steve Decker of Savannah coordinated electronic ground search efforts with Maj Bill Wallace of the Brunswick/St. Simons Squadron when efforts by the Augusta Squadron initially turned up negative results.

Through everyone's efforts the ELT was tracked to a Cessna 172 (N7529T) on a privately owned 1,650-foot dirt strip at an airport identified as 36A7 near V185 in the vicinity of Girard, GA.



Lt Steve Decker, Capt Steve Wages, and Lt Col Don Wheeler, Jr. during Mission 06M-007 at Georgia airfield 3GA7.

Photo by Maj Bill Wallace

Captain Phillips is Savannah Composite Flying Tiger Squadron PAO, GAWG

## CAPMart Closed, Vanguard Open

CAPMart turned over operations to Vanguard Industries this past month to provide members with better service and better inventory. A leader in military supplies, Vanguard manufactures many of the items CAP Members use. By removing CAPMart as the "middle man," CAP members will see improvement in speed of delivery, and cost-effectiveness.

Go to [www.vanguardmil.com](http://www.vanguardmil.com) or email: [cap@vanguardmil.com](mailto:cap@vanguardmil.com). The company is now accepting online orders or you may call them toll-free at (800) 221-1264 Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 5 pm (EDT) and Friday 8 am - 3:45 pm (EDT).

Founded in 1918 at the close of the Great War, Vanguard has become the largest supplier of military insignia in the United States. With distribution centers in San Diego, Norfolk, and Hawaii their product line covers more than 40,000 items.

## US Congressman Speaks at FL Group 8 Banquet

On Saturday, 14 January 2006, Lt Col Al Bedgood, Commander, Group 8, Florida Wing, hosted 215 Civil Air Patrol members, families and invited guests at the unit's annual awards banquet. The evening opened with the presentation of the colors by the Joint Services Color Guard from Headquarters, United States Central Command.

US Congressman Mike Bilirakas (R-FL) gave a presentation on the importance of service to the nation and his belief and support in the missions of Civil Air Patrol, especially the Cadet Program. This was the third time in the past year Congressman Bilirakas has spoken to the members of Group 8.

Colonel Larry Greene, USA, a Plans Officer with the Directorate of Plans, J5, Headquarters, United States Central Command (CENTCOM), and the principal combatant command conducting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, gave an extremely informative and



Col Greene, Maj Gen Pineda, Lt Col Bedgood, Col Angley (Ret), and Col Sharkey

frank presentation on the CENTCOM mission, the War on Terror, and what has been achieved in Iraq and Afghanistan. Colonel Greene has only recently returned from a year in Iraq.



By Lt Col Larry Becker

On 14-15 January 2006, at Fort Payne Airport, the ALWG conducted its annual refresher training. It consisted of four hours of intensive classroom material which covered such topics as aircraft performance (and lack thereof in high density altitudes), weather affects (such as moderate to severe turbulence, proper ridge line crossing and very strong up and down drafts), safe search altitudes and distances (when your reference is no longer under you but is now beside you, under and in front of you) and concluded with a briefing on how to execute the emergency 180 turn (in the event a mission pilot inadvertently gets into a bad situation). When properly flown, a C172, flying at search speeds can make a 180 turn so eas-

ily and in so tight a radius that new mountain search pilots are truly amazed.

Following the classroom instruction which was presented by Major Harold Coghlan, mission crews (with a qualified evaluator) were dispatched to one of eight carefully selected mountain features surrounding Fort Payne.



**Instructors describe the technical details of mountain flying**



**Students attend mountain training classes**

Each crew then had the opportunity to plan and demonstrate to their evaluator how to perform some of the techniques they learned in the class (crossing the ridge line

given a cross wind, performing a 90 degree turn away from the ridge if the situation dictates an abort

crossing, proper search techniques (altitude and distance control), and then each pilot climbed to 3000' AGL and executed one or more practice emergency 180s.

In spite of weather and a one day delay in the schedule, four C172s and one C182 participated with the mission base established by noon, Saturday 14 January, to include a communications center. A total of 13 sorties using 27.1 flying hours were flown which allowed 28 of the best ALWG Mission Pilots and Scanners to attend the class and then participate in proficiency evaluation rides.

Each trainee, who completed the instruction and evaluation ride, was issued a certificate of completion signed by the ALWG Commander, Col John Tilton and the instructor, Major Harold Coghlan. The instruction and flight training was monitored by three USAF Reservists.

*Lt Col Becker is the CDOA, ALWG*

## In and Around the Region



**Lt Col Robert Ashman receives CAP's highest honor, the Silver Medal of Valor**

*After witnessing a suspect take down an officer in an altercation at a bank, Ashman (without concern for his own welfare) wrestled the man to the ground*



**Florida C/Capt Jason Martin receives his private pilot license**

*The Enterprise Squadron Cadet Commander will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, starting in the fall of 2006*



**The Zonta Club of Boca Raton, FL, honor Amelia Earhart and Aerospace Education**

*Zontian Shelly Olkey and Sue Isbell thank and present certificates of appreciation to Civil Air Patrol members*



By 1Lt Vic Cassella

On 21 January 2006, Florida Wing performed a training Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) at Vandenberg Airport, Tampa, FL. CAP Group 3 hosted this event which included participants from many of the central Florida-based squadrons such as Merritt Island, Cocoa Beach, Ocala, Naples and Tampa. Approximately 45 senior members and cadets, three aircraft and several ground support vehicles supported the exercise by playing out Homeland Security, Counter Drug and Search/Rescue for missing aircraft missions.

One of the CAP aircraft in this SAREX was crewed by Capt Robert Horning (pilot), Capt Brian Hellenbrand (observer) and senior member Cal Cassas (scanner). They originally set out to perform a missing aircraft search. The duration of this flight was scheduled



for about 1.5 hours.

Captain Horning stated that he often monitors 121.5 (the emergency frequency) as a standard practice when he is flying. Shortly after takeoff, the crew heard an ELT beacon break thru the speakers on one of the radios. After a brief period to convince the crew that it wasn't a practice beacon, the aircrew called mission base personnel stationed at Vandenberg airport to report an actual ELT beacon, and request approval to begin search procedures. Mission base personnel approved the request. The direction finding equipment on the aircraft indicated that the beacon was in the direction of Tampa International Airport (TPA), so Tampa Approach Control was contacted for clearance into the controlled airspace.

Because of their high volume of traffic, the crew was limited in where they could go, so they circled on the east side of the airport

to get another bearing on the ELT. The air-borne direction finding equipment was still indicating that the beacon was to the west of the CAP aircraft and in the direction of TPA. The CAP crew then requested and was granted permission to fly over the top of TPA to position themselves for receiving another bearing. While the crew transitioned over TPA, the signal became stronger and was consistent with passing over a beacon. Once on the west side, the crew circled again to get another bearing, which pointed back to TPA, confirming that the ELT beacon was located at the airport.

Captain Robert Horning is a Squadron Commander stationed at Merritt Island airport, and is a check/instructor pilot. Captain Brian Hellenbrand is a member of the Merritt Island Squadron. Captain Hellenbrand is on active duty with the USAF and stationed at Patrick AFB. SM Cal Cassas is assigned to the Senior CAP Squadron stationed in Hillsborough County, FL.

## News and Events of note to the SER



### Airman Annual Magazine Features CAP

The widely read, prestigious Air Force Airman Annual has a distribution of over 200,000 copies



### Civil Air Patrol World War II Coastal Patrol pilot Samuel Pilgrim, Jr. and his aircraft posed at Vidalia, GA

Pilgrim flew his bomb-laden aircraft from the Charleston Coastal Patrol Base

Photo by Captain Jim Phillips



### Swift Magic Aerobatic Team members pose with 1Lt Lee Harrison of the Augusta Composite Squadron, GA

The former Civil Air Patrol members have been performing before air show crowds across the nation since 1991

# 15% Budget Cut “Significant,” but Do Not Be Alarmed

By Maj Gen Tony Pineda

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) recently issued a budget decision that cut deeply into many existing Air Force programs and made sweeping manpower cuts to AF officer, enlisted, and civilian end strength. As a result of the decision, Civil Air Patrol's funding for FY07 is proposed for a nearly 15% cut—a reduction of \$3.667M to our Ops & Maintenance (O&M) line. Originally, we were programmed to receive \$24.968M. We hope that our efforts to work with senior AF and Congressional leaders will reduce this funding cut, but we know CAP will most likely take some level of funding cut and it will be significant!

Working within the system, we will fight to restore as much funding as possible, but CAP will come out of this “transformed” ...our focus will be on core missions and to eliminate any function or program that does not directly support our core missions. At the same time we must realize our core missions will require a new focus.



If CAP is faced with this reduced budget, our National Board will need to make policy decisions on the priorities of this organization. What follows are some initial thoughts as CAP can not absorb this magnitude of funding reduction without adjusting both National HQ employees and national programs. Here are the facts:

- NHQ has 122 funded personnel positions at Maxwell AFB
- We have 52 Wing Administrators; 35 full time; 17 part time
- You could expect a 25 - 30% reduction in Maxwell staffing and potentially ALL Wing Administrators will have to be part time

As for programmatic cuts:

- Outreach programs of AE, special programs that affect a small audience (IACE) will be severely reduced
- NHQ support and conduct of cadet special activities will be significantly curtailed
- Since first year cadet attrition is 50%, expect the uniform program to be appropriately resized
- The O-flight program will be reduced, but not eliminated
- Other non-core programs and support by NHQ employees will be curtailed or eliminated outright
- We will not be able to sustain the current level of support re-

ceived from NHQ; many functions will truly have to become volunteer led.

You could expect our aircraft fleet to be resized to actual requirement, but surprisingly, we may continue to see Congressional plus-ups in procurement allowing us to replace older, more maintenance intensive C-172s, 182s with the modern, glass cockpit C-182.

Overall our 15% reduction is right in line with other cuts across Air University—we were not unfairly singled out, but we continue to work within established procedures to mitigate our cut. We promise to explore and implement greater efficiencies, both at NHQ and across CAP to better utilize the funding we do receive, BUT the direction of CAP will change. That's inevitable. All options are being explored. Please share your thoughts, but I ask for a spirit of cooperation. Now is not the time to strike out at the Air Force, just to achieve our ends!

With a consolidated, joint position, we will weather this budget storm the best we can.

Thank you for your reasoned and calm support during what promises to be a turbulent period. Rest assured, your National senior leadership is working this problem hard and will keep you advised.

## GAWG Conference Includes Lt Gen Kehoe

By Capt Tonya Boylan

The Georgia Wing Conference is scheduled for 7-8 April 2006 at the Holiday Inn Beach Resort, Jekyll Island, GA.

The conference theme is “Professionalism in Volunteer Service”

Lt Gen Nicholas B. Kehoe, USAF (Ret.) Chairman, CAP

Board of Governors and President, Medal of Honor Society will be the Banquet Keynote Speaker.

Activities are being planned for cadets as well as seniors.

Because we are having the conference at a hotel rather than on a military base, you must make your hotel reservations yourself. Currently, the reservation block

(\$72.00 per night rate) includes 25 rooms for Thursday, 6 April, 50 rooms for Friday, 7 April and 50 rooms for Saturday, 8



Lt Gen Nicholas Kehoe

# ALWG Conference in April

The Alabama Wing Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, 28-29 April 2006, in Huntsville, AL.

Details for the conference are on our Web Site. Be sure to check [www.alwg.cap.gov](http://www.alwg.cap.gov).

Homeland, pictured at right with General Myers, will be at the banquet and provide entertainment.

A block of rooms, at a very competitive rate, has been reserved at the Sheraton Four Points Inn at the Huntsville Airport.

This should prove to be one of the best, if not the best, ALWG



**L to R: Gen Richard Meyers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Ed Jones, Boyce Smith, Carl Jones, and Larry Tidwell**

conference held. The price will be excellent, the quality of the information provided will be top notch and current, and the opportunity to mix, meet, and learn will be superb. Plan to attend!

# FL and GA search for Navy Aircraft

A Navy T-39 Sabreliner on a routine training flight from Chattanooga, TN to Pensacola, FL went missing 10 January. The twin-engine jet aircraft, carrying three military personnel and one civilian, lost communications about 20 minutes after takeoff.

Georgia and Florida Wings looked for the lost aircraft by air while sheriff's deputies searched the countryside. Initial search efforts were hampered by inclement weather. Members of the Georgia State Patrol eventually located the four-passenger executive transport plane in Walker County, GA with no survivors.

# MS Cadet Siblings' Teamwork Pays Off

*By Lt Col Joe Pope*

For a cadet to qualify for the Wright Brother's Award marks a major milestone in their first phase of studying leadership, aviation history, cadet knowledge, and aerospace science. It is an especially noteworthy achievement when three cadets from the same family receive their award certificates in the same ceremony.

Breanna, a 7th grader at Clinton, MS Jr. High, turned in a major study effort to earn her award as she has only been a member of CAP for 10 months. She has a passion for aviation and is honing her

skills with a camera and as a writer to better perform her duties as recruiter and cadet public information officer.

Andrew attends the 9th grade at Clinton Summer Hill School with dreams of becoming a pilot

in the Air Force. This goal will guide his future studies in high school and college. He regards

his CAP membership and performing the duties of cadet operations officer and flight sergeant as stepping stones to someday occupying the cockpit of an Air Force tactical aircraft.



**C/Sgt Breanna Rector 12, C/Sgt Andrew Rector 14, and C/SSgt Matthew Rector 16, studied as a team to win the Wright Brothers Award.**

The oldest Rector cadet, Matthew, a sophomore at Clinton High School, devotes lots of time to the CAP program. A gift for computers serves him well as he is the senior cadet squadron NCO and occupies the important positions of cadet first sergeant and cadet administrative officer. He expects his interest in science and mathematics will help him become a chemist when he graduates college.

The three Rector cadets are members of the unit's number one color guard team and are looking forward to the MSWG's Cadet Competition event in March. They are the children of 1Lt Tommy Rector, the squadron commander, and 2Lt Brenda Rector, the deputy commander for Senior Members.

*Lt Col Pope is the PAO for the James S. McKinnie Composite Squadron, Mississippi Wing*



# TN Cadet Awards Banquet Honors Many

Tennessee's Tullahoma Composite Squadron held its third annual cadet awards banquet recently.

Forty-eight cadets, parents, senior members, and special guests attended the annual banquet. The keynote speaker, USAF Reserve Maj Lance Baxter and Spaatz Award recipient, spoke of his journey as a CAP cadet, and how CAP helped him attend the Air Force Academy.

Squadron commander Lt Col John Humphries presented the following

plaques to members: Cadet Officer of the Year (OTY), C/Capt Antonio More; Cadet NCO OTY, C/SSgt Neil Whitehead; Cadet Airman OTY, C/SrA Zakary Humphries; and Cadet OTY, C/CMSgt Marcos More.

Colonel Lord presented the squadron with a Unit Citation. Also presented was a Commander's Commendation to C/Capt Antonio More for his leadership at the National flight academy-glider, in Rome, GA.

The following cadets received disaster relief ribbons for their efforts

during Hurricane Katrina: Carla Arnold, Jessica Dickerson, Dustin Horton, Jami Humphries, Zakary Humphries, Sommer Kline, Antonio More, Marcos More, Sarah Nelms, Will Nelms, and Neil Whitehead.

Also acknowledged for Honor Guard duties were cadets Cory Bell, David Cheatham, Jessica Dickerson, Britni Ettel, Jami Humphries, Zakary Humphries, Sommer Kline, and Neil Whitehead. Cadet Will Nelms was presented a certificate for the Cadet of the Quarter, July-Sept. 2005.

## IG's Office

By Lt Col Valerie M. Brown

### What Exactly Does an Inspector General Do?

The Inspector General, referred to as the IG, serves the members as a fact-finder, ombudsman, and honest broker in the resolution of complaints as part of an independent and objective system. Part of my responsibility is to create an atmosphere of trust so that issues can be fully resolved without retaliation or the fear of reprisal. Col Sharkey selected me to serve in this position because of my extensive and broad experience at various echelons of our organization and in several parts of the country. This experience provides a perspective that is useful for an Inspector, especially at Region level.

The IG also serves the Commander directly by ensuring integrity and impartiality as well as considering what in is the best interests of the organization. Another important part of my service to our commander is educating members and subordinate IG staff.

An overview of the IG program can be found in CAP Regulation 123-1. The two primary functions

of an IG are then specified in two other regulations; CAPR 123-2 addresses Complaints and CAPR 123-3 defines our Compliance Assessment program. These are very different functions and it's important to understand their roles.

The *Compliance Inspection* process is most likely to touch you directly as a Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI). This process measures the performance of units in each of our three mission areas, as well as our support functions and command effectiveness. Inspectors identify what has been successful (or not) during the inspection period and verify records when they visit units. Documentation is a critical component of success. We also help identify what needs to be done.

Let me assure you that the Inspectors know the value of the time you give to our organization, since we also contribute our time. We are not there to judge you. Please remember that to be successful we must not only do things right but we must also do the "right" things and the required things. We are each just a part of an organization accountable to the US Air Force, IRS, and Congress. For more specific information about accountability access the Statement of Work (SOW) via the CAP website.

The *Complaint Process* is designed to prevent, detect, and correct any fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement or deficiency, or cadet protection issue. Any healthy organization must have a method to deal with violations of rules and procedures. CAPR 123-2 establishes the requirements for handling violations as CAP complaints. If you have a problem, first please consider handling the issue with the unit commander, chaplain or legal officer. Some of the biggest problems we face are differing viewpoints, miscommunications, and personality conflicts, but not violations of CAP regulations or policies. Often these matters can be talked out and resolved at the local level without committing the resources of the corporation and the time of other volunteers that is required once an IG complaint is filed.

Lastly, please understand that our complaint process protects the privacy interests of all members involved. While this doesn't always satisfy a complainant, it is the way we do business. Our regulations specify that inquiries and records must remain confidential.

If you'd like to learn more, visit the CAP website.

*Lt Col Brown is the Southeast Region Inspector General*



## Make an Impact at the Southeast Region Conference

June 23-25

in

Jacksonville, FL

\$69 room rate at Radisson  
Hotel, Jacksonville Butler Blvd.

Highlights will include:

Pre-Conference session Friday  
afternoon

Friday Fiesta Welcome  
Reception at Dave and Busters.  
Olé Olé!

Saturday Riverboat Awards  
Dinner (tentative)

Expert instructional classes

Membership recognition

Goodie bags & Door prizes

Cadet events

Specialty track classes

Registration information  
and additional details in the  
next *ReCAP*.

## TN Members assist with arrival of 5,000 evacuees

*By Maj Robert J. Evans*

Upon hearing press reports that the area Red Cross office needed assistance in coping with the scheduled arrival of approximately 5,000 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina, Kingsport Composite Squadron member Maj Robert J. Evans contacted Red Cross officials with offers of assistance.

Red Cross facilities and staff were inadequate to handle the volume of calls resulting from offers of temporary housing for the evacuees.

Majors Evans and Pearce Browning set up a temporary office at Maj Browning's home to answer calls. 1Lt Jim Pensinger created a Web site to list available housing with a contact phone number for each listing. The new telephone number to call for offers of housing was provided to local media with a statement that the Kingsport squadron was handling this activity.

The Web site address was provided only to Red Cross offices in the region, and was updated daily. Squadron members manned the phones for five days. An estimated 800 initial calls were answered, with follow-up calls made to each one. A total of 120 duty hours were logged during this time.

Red Cross Officials thanked the squadron for the invaluable assistance during numerous television interviews.

Other contributions to Katrina were made when Kingsport squadron members collected and donated more than 30 blankets to the Tennessee Wing for donation to the Nashville Red Cross facility. Members of air and ground crews were also on standby during Katrina.

*Maj Evans is from the Kingsport Composite Squadron, Tennessee Wing*

## Chaplains will serve with FL National Guard

After several months of negotiations and working out the necessary details Florida Wing Headquarters of CAP has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Florida and the Florida National Guard. Under the agreement chaplains from the Florida Wing may serve as volunteer chaplains with units of the FL Army National Guard and the FL Air National Guard.

On Saturday, 7 January Florida Wing Chaplain/Major Tom Carson accepted an invitation for himself and several CAP chaplains to attend a special "basic training orientation" on base in Orlando, FL.

Several chaplains and their assistants from the Army National Guard made presentations under the leadership of Chaplain/Lt Col David Fuller, FLANG.

Topics covered the National Guard Culture, the role of chaplains in the military, diversity, and expectations, to list but a few.

As soon as possible those CAP chaplains who are in good health and meet military standards, except for age, will be invited as volunteers to serve with units of the Air National Guard and Army National Guard. The chaplains will serve as staff officers under the leadership of the unit commanders, as in CAP.

They will be encouraged to get to know all members of the unit and their families where practical. Each will be encouraged to attend some portion of each drill weekend, summer camp training, and be available for deployment within the state for disasters, etc. if available.

All in attendance at the orientation were excited about this innovative opportunity. The CAP chaplains were very proud to have the opportunity to serve "with and for" the men and women who continue to give so much for their state and nation.

*Chaplain/Major Rob Atchley is the SER Deputy Chaplain*

# Members Search for Chopper

By 1Lt Gene Floyd

While most of us were soundly sleeping or getting ready for work on Wednesday morning, 4 January, dedicated CAP volunteers were pouring over maps and making phone calls in a desperate attempt to locate a missing helicopter. The chopper, which had departed from an unknown location in Mississippi a day or so earlier, had been reported missing by family members and had left a faint, but noticeable trail leading to a truck stop near Grand Ridge, FL.

Working with Air Force, state, and local law enforcement officials, CAP search and rescue experts followed credit card and cell phone clues to establish the truck stop as the Last Known Position of the missing aircraft. As more information was gathered, it was learned that the pilot and passengers had eaten dinner and made several cell phone calls while waiting for a thunderstorm to pass, and were last seen taking off that evening enroute to West Palm Beach.

Using this information, CAP Ground Search and Rescue teams were dispatched from Crestview and Tallahassee to the most likely area to begin an exhaustive ground search of the dense and mostly road-less forest in the area. Several CAP aircraft were also redirected to the area of interest to assist from above. Almost simultaneously, Jackson County Sheriff's Department officials recalled a report regarding a possible explosion in the woods on Sunday that matched with CAP's assessment. Armed with this new information, Sheriff's Dept helicopters and deputies quickly located the crash site, which unfortunately left no survivors.

Lt Floyd is the PAO, Tallahassee Composite Squadron

## Moral Leadership

By Chaplain Lt Col Oscar Cope

At times, this is both an *awesome* and *awful* day in which we live. I try to be a positive and upbeat person, so I focus much more attention on the *awesome*. It is truly an *awesome* day to be alive and to be able to serve and minister in CAP Chaplaincy and as a MLO.



But we hear of the *awful* as well. Most Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers are aware that Navy Chaplain Lieutenant Gordon James Klingenschmitt faced termination of his 14-year career without retirement, partly because he prayed publicly "in Jesus Name." After a brief hunger strike, the Navy offered to allow him to finish his career but stripped of his uniform for all public appearances. Now he is on another hunger strike until the Navy allows him to wear the uniform, wherever.

Navy Chaplains are not the only ones having their problems. The Air Force Academy issued strict rules concerning worship, prayer and sharing one's faith with others. Some Congressmen have asked President Bush to get involved and issue a presidential order authorizing lack of restrictions on worship and prayer in all military branches.

Most Chaplains and MLOs have

strong opinions on this matter. Some have emailed me or spoken to me of their desire and intent to pray and to lead worship freely, without any interference. Some have offered to make such statements known in a strong public way.

No one believes in freedom to worship and pray as God leads us any more strongly than I. Yet I urge and caution all CAP Chaplains and MLOs to use restraint. The Military Chaplains organization recommends that we allow the military leaders and its designated service branch Chaplains to work out the solutions. I strongly second this motion/notion. Calm deliberation accomplishes much more in the long run than bombastic statements which often polarize. At the same time, please advise your Commander, your Wing Chaplain, and me if you feel you are being hindered in your work.

Above all, let us remain faithful to our calling and assignment. Diligence and vigilance are needed now more than ever in the *awesome* and *awful* days.

Pray for Chaplain Dewey Painter who is on our SER Chaplains Staff as Director of Special Projects. Chaplain Painter will be having some extensive surgery on 28 February.

Also ALL MLOs and Chaplains please be reminded to get you reservations in for the Southeast Region Chaplains Service Staff College, 1-4 May at Warner Robins AFB, GA.

## MSWG Holds SAR Class

On 14-15 January, the Mississippi Wing held a Search and Rescue Management Class at Meridian Naval Air Station.

Special thanks to Maj Taylor, who has helped Capt Cook by being the POC for Meridian.





# Cadets Solo in Gliders

By Capt Walter Pleasants

C/MSgt Mathew Dion, a member of the Yeager Cadet Squadron in Brandon, Group 3, FL Wing, recently passed his single-engine land private pilot practical test (flight test). Cadet Dion has been taking flying lessons since he was age 15. Now at 17, he has a FAA Private Pilot's License. "It has been a long haul for him, but he made it," said Capt Pleasants, Flight Operations Officer of the Tampa Bay Soaring Society and also commander of the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron. "He is very interested in flying anything with wings."

Cadet Dion's father is a Senior Member and also a new private pilot. They took flight lessons and ground school as a father and son activity. Cadet Dion's mother is

now part of the flying community and is also taking flight instruction.

In November 2003, C/MSgt Matt Dion and C/2Lt Chris Lodge-Marage were the winners of the Bartoletti Soaring Scholarship awarded by the Tampa Bay Soaring Society. Dion is also a student glider pilot. He expects to take the

flight test in gliders sometime very soon. His aviation goals include additional FAA ratings including instrument and commercial ratings. He is an Honor Roll student and his goal is to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

C/2Lt Chris Lodge-Marage is from the Palm Harbor Squadron. "He expects to take the Glider flight check ride in the very near future and earn an FAA Private Pilot Glider License," said Capt



C/MSgt Mathew Dion

Pleasants. He is also an Honor Roll student with aspirations for the United States Air Force Academy. His father is a strong supporter of the glider flying lessons and frequently helps launch gliders on the days when his son is flying. "Both of these cadets soloed on the same day and flew two-hour glider flights on the same day," said Capt Pleasants. "Congratulations to these cadets and best wishes for their continued success in CAP and eventually in the United States Air Force."

Capt Pleasants is the St. Petersburg Cadet Squadron Commander



C/2Lt Chris Lodge-Marage

## Naples Illustrated Spotlights Varsames

Maj John Varsames, former squadron commander, and newly appointed commander of Florida Wing Group 5, was recently featured in the magazine *Naples Illustrated*. The "Cameo" feature, pictured at right, said, in part:

"The commander has headed the Naples Civil Air Patrol for the last two of his four years with CAP. Last year, the Naples squadron received the distinction of being named Squadron of the Year, and Varsames was named Commander of the Year.

"During Hurricane Charley,

Varsames flew 44 search and rescue missions. The group did the same during Hurricane Wilma. During those hurricanes, the Naples squadron performed more than 100 missions.

"Varsames says they also play a big role in damage assessment for Collier County. 'We fly in advance and videotape the county and shorelines, then [do] search and rescue and assessments after,' he says. 'It helps the county get millions of dollars in federal funds for shoreline reclamation.'"

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CAMEOS

### Sky Eye

John Varsames keeps watch over Florida's seas and skies.

BY ANDREA H. GALADINSKI

**M**aj John Varsames, former squadron commander for the Naples Civil Air Patrol (CAP), and newly appointed commander of Florida Wing Group 5, loves everything about flying. He even flew a plane before he drove a car. "When I was 16, I got a part-time job with an airplane mechanic in exchange for flying lessons," he says. "Flying feels like an extension of my inner self. I feel uncomfortable behind the stick of a plane as I do the wheel of a car."

The commander has headed the Naples Civil Air Patrol for the last two of his four years with CAP. Last year, the Naples squadron received the distinction of being named Squadron of the Year, and Varsames was named Commander of the Year.

The CAP is a nonprofit branch of the Air Force Auxiliary, which does more than 95 percent of all inland search and rescue for the U.S. Air Force. Florida Wing Group 5 covers a majority of Florida's Gulf Coast, stretching from Bradenton to Marco Island. It has 12 squadrons and more than 650 volunteer members.



#### SIDE FLIGHT

**My greatest influence on:** Aircraft safety. Check Varsames and his team.

**My favorite flight:** Hurricane.

**My favorite music:** Classic rock. I grew up in the '60s and '70s.

for all NASA launches. One of Varsames' most intense missions was security for the doomed Space Shuttle Columbia. "Security was intense because it was right after [Sept. 11]," he says. "We were the last plane to fly over her before launch."

Originally from New York, Varsames served in the Air Force and has received numerous awards. He also loves to fly, and takes his dog, Max, a German Shepherd, to fly with him. "He likes to fly as much as I do," he says. **20**

# Operations

By Lt Col David E. Lehtonen

Early last year while attending the Flight Safety International Cockpit Resource Management course in Vero Beach, FL, I was introduced to a book entitled *Darker Shades of Blue – the Rogue Pilot*, by Tony Kern, a US Air Force pilot. This book identifies attitudes and characteristics of the rogue pilot – someone operating on “the dark side of good airmanship” and a hazard not only to him, but to others as well. Over the next few months, I will try to identify these unsafe attitudes and characteristics through case studies to help us in the Southeast Region to identify rogue pilots within our own organization and suggest motivation for change. This month, the characteristics and the definition of the rogue aviator will be presented.

There are rogue practitioners in every field of endeavor who may be identified by a set of common characteristics. According to Lt Col Kern, these rogues can be identified by six behavior patterns and by us recognizing them early, attention can be focused on corrective action to avoid potentially hazardous outcomes. These characteristics are:

**Rogues are socially adept.** They communicate well and are able to impress upper management by utilizing peers and subordinates for personal leverage, often times being viewed differently by management and peers and subordinates. People tend to take sides concerning the rogue either strongly for or against his ideas.

**Rogues are often untruthful.** They often color the truth for



personal gain, thinking that the means justifies the ends toward the accomplishment of a goal.

**Rogues and potential rogues often feel that they are trapped in a system that was designed for “lesser people.”** They view themselves as superior to others in the organization and tend to believe that preferential treatment is what has made them subordinate to others. Thus, they think that rules of the organization don’t apply to them because they were written to address the lowest common denominator, not a superior person such as himself.

**Rogues are driven, but often by different motivations.** Whether it is to achieve fame or glory or simply to inflate their large ego, the ambition is stronger than the inhibition that governs normal behavior.

**Even when identified, rogues can be extremely difficult to deal with.** Because they are popular in the organization and are perceived to possess skill and expertise, rogues have learned what rules they can break and with whom. Often times, younger members of the organization see the rogue as a role model and copy their style leading them to further rule infractions.

**Rogues exhibit progressive deviations.** Perhaps most telling is the pattern of progressive deviations, characterizing their undisciplined behavior. Early deviations from the rules may seem minor but future actions tend to be more serious.

The harder task is to identify the rogue characteristics in the pilot before any harm can be done to either him or to others.

So, what is a rogue pilot? Rogue pilots are an undisciplined lot who place their own egos above everything else, placing themselves and everyone they fly

with in jeopardy. They are often high energy people who make good things happen but when they display the profile of the rogue, they bear close watching to protect the lives of others and the organization in which they fly. And, when we see these characteristics in ourselves, it should be a wake up call for change in our own approach to flying. Col. Kern states that rogue pilots kill innocent people so that fact alone makes identifying these characteristics in them (and us) worthwhile.

Next month, we will look at an Air Force pilot who was able to routinely violate flight discipline for over three years despite efforts to stop him. Perhaps most frightening, this pilot was the aircraft commander of a B-52 strategic bomber.

*David E. Lehtonen is the SER Director of Operations*

## YuleCAP Spreads Holiday Cheer

By Capt Tonya Boylan

Atlanta Senior Squadron 1 conducted its 26th annual YuleCAP 17 December at the Cartersville Airport.

Members brought Holiday cheer to more than 100 children and families of deployed soldiers of Companies A, B, C and Headquarters of the 108th Armor Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade, Georgia National Guard.

In addition to the Atlanta squadron members, Bartow-Etawah, Gwinnett and Rome Composite Squadrons, and GAWG Headquarters members assisted, with a total of more than 60 Georgia Wing members supporting the event.

*Capt Boylan is a member of GAWG Headquarters*

## Administration

By Lt Col Evelyn Holdren

### A Review of CAPR 10-2: Administrative Communications Files, Maintenance and Records Disposition



While this regulation is not difficult to follow it contains many details which should be noted. Careful reading of the details is recommended.

The beginning of this regulation states that the Administrative Officer will implement, supervise and ensure compliance with the regulation. The File Plan is described and is a required item. It should be noted that offices with a file plan will forward an information copy to the unit administrative officer.

There is a description of file labels, guide cards, and file drawer labels. Records and disposition instructions are given as well as information regarding computer files, filing arrangement, records management, cut off procedures and details for handling records of historical significance.

A written example of a File Plan is provided as well as file labels and guide cards. There is a detailed example of records and disposition instruction for 12 different departments which are to be followed. The time or dates for disposition should be carefully viewed and followed.

While this regulation is dated May 1999 there are considerable changes for Financial Management which were made 15 July 2004. Be sure your copy of this regulation contains these changes.

*Lt Col Holdren is the Southeast Region Director of Administration*

## Former cadet killed in action

Sgt Dennis J. Flanagan, age 20, former C/LTC of Citrus County Cadet Squadron in Inverness, Citrus County, FL, was killed in action in Iraq on 20 January 2006. He served six years in the cadet program and directly enlisted in the US Army to become a member of the historical 101st Airborne Division. On his second tour in combat, Sgt Flanagan was killed when his Humvee struck an IED explosive while on patrol.



National Commander Maj Gen Tony Pineda said, "Sgt Flanagan gave his life for democracy, and I am very proud of him and sad for his family and friends. He will be missed but never forgotten."

## Puerto Rico Celebrates Ranger Program with PRWG Ranger School Opening

By Capt Juan Toro

Since the 1950s the Ranger Program was established as a valuable emergency services and leadership tool for our program.

Through the 1970s there were National Ranger Schools held at Hawk Mountain, the Everglades in Florida, and Black River Mississippi. Lt Col Bartolo Ortiz developed Ranger Schools in Puerto Rico. At present Florida Wing ranger program is back in business and PRWG is working to re-join the ranger community this year.

Lt Col Ortiz graduated from Hawk Mountain Ranger School and is the director of the PRWG

Ranger School (former Fajardo Ranger School, that operated non-stop for 13 years). Back in the 1970s he was appointed by the PRWG/CC as his Ranger Program advisor to the commander after the PRWG/DCP Capt Juan Toro started a series of ranger workshops at the beginning of 2004 in an effort to prepare Cadets and Seniors Members for the reinstatement of the Ranger program in the PRWG in a near future.



Among the Fajardo Ranger School graduates, there are Senior Members such as the PRWG Vice

Commander, Lt Col Rafael Roman; PRWG Safety Officer, Lt Col Agustin Diaz; the DCP Capt Juan Toro; and Lt Col Felix Davila, PR-123 Commander. These Senior Members graduated from Hawk Mountain School.

Lt Col Bartolo Ortiz, Capt Juan Toro, 1Lt Oziel Ryes, and C/Lt Col Michael Ortega will assist in the reinstatement of the ranger program. The PRWG Ranger School will officially open during the 50th Anniversary of the CAP Ranger Program, during 16-22 July 2006 in San Sebastian County, located to the north-east part of the PR Island, about 85 miles from San Juan.

*Capt Toro is a Cadet Programs Officer for Puerto Rico*



## Group Promotes Volunteer Service

Group 8, FLWG, has teamed with the White House to become a Certifying Organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Established in 2003, the Award was created by President George W. Bush to give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet established requirements for volunteer service.

The President's Volunteer Service Award program is intended to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.



**Group 8 presented over three dozen Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to deserving volunteers, as well as eight lifetime achievement awards at the Group Eight Awards Banquet on Saturday, 14 January**

The Award is presented in three levels: bronze, silver, and gold and is available to anyone who wishes to dedicate their personal time to volunteer service to their community. There is also a Lifetime Achievement award for those who have performed over two years (4000 hours) of volunteer service, and it is The President's Call to Service Award.

Group 8 is the first CAP Group to join with thousands of other organizations to deliver the President's Volunteer Service

Award and honor the volunteers who strengthen our Nation. For more information on the President's Volunteer Service Award visit [www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov](http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov).

## PR Cadets Compete

Recently PRWG/Cadet Color Guard Competition was held in the Puerto Rico Institute of Technology facilities with the participation of the Muñiz ANG Base Cadet Squadron PR-126 and the Col Clara Livingston Cadet Squadron PR-122 on 15 January 2006.

The Livingston Cadet Squadron won the competition, winning five events out of seven events. C/CMSgt Fidel Desir from PR-122 won the male fleet foot competition, male outstanding cadet, and the high score written test awards. C/CMSgt Viviana T. Arvelo won the female fleet foot and outstanding female cadet awards, C/MSgt Arvelo is a member of the PR-122 team as well. The competition was dynamic, tie from beginning to the end. Both teams demonstrated a high sense of leadership and team work in the competition.

## Thanks from the Troops—DMSP

*Thanks to the new Lake City Squadron, they collected 59 cases of school supplies for the Operation Heart project for Afghanistan troops. The troops asked for the supplies instead of goodies for them. We are sending an overseas container full with both the supplies they requested and goodies for them. There is still time to help, contact me for info.*

### Thank You!

My name is Michael Carter, I am the admin chief for a company of approximately 275 Marines, stationed in Djibouti Africa. I want to thank each of you all for your thoughtfulness and contributions to the deployed service men and women, not only here but throughout the world.

Although all the packages were addressed to me, I wanted you to know that all of your packages,

along with others received, were distributed among my company. Hopefully some of you will be receiving thank you letters or an email from the Marines, but rest assured your packages made it and were very appreciated.

Once again, thank you for the generous care packages that you all made for the troops of the 3rd Provisional Security Company, stationed at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti Africa. Your packages were distributed to the Marines of 1st and 2nd Platoon, 3rd PSC. The Marines received the care packages on New Year's Day. The Marines were and are extremely appreciative. If you care to see more of our Company and where we are, please check out our web site that was made for friends and family to keep in touch: [www.3rdpsc.com](http://www.3rdpsc.com)

I hope this letter reaches you all in

*From Chaplain Dewey Painter*

a timely manner, it is definitely quicker than regular mail. We all appreciate your patronage and the time it took to put these gifts together. You all made our Christmas and New Year's away from our families and homes a little more enjoyable.

### Thank You!

Well thanks for the GREAT packages during this Holiday period. You all are such GREAT AMERICANS and we thank you ALL from the bottom of our hearts. We will be heading home in almost a month from now. Just before Valentine's day. Again thanks for the GREAT support during these times away from home.

—Dave Hunt, AOC

# Garcia Earns Private Pilot's License

By 1Lt Michael Schumacher

Tamiami Composite Squadron Cadet Commander Capt Daniel Garcia earned his private pilot's license Jan. 6.

Cadet Garcia's day began when he left his flight school, Dean Aviation at Tamiami Airport in Miami and flew to Immokalee Airport just northeast of Naples, FL.

After picking up his check pilot, he flew to Naples Airport for his check ride. When he landed, he dropped off the check pilot and was told he had passed. Cadet Garcia then flew home as a new private pilot.

As early as seven years of age, Cadet Garcia had dreams of being in the Air Force and becoming an astronaut. "When I joined CAP and got my O-rides (orientation rides), it really opened my eyes to an aviation future," he said.

In the summer of 2004 Cadet Garcia attended National Flight Academy powered flight where he earned his solo wings. Last June he passed the private pilot's writ-

ten test with the help of Capt. Gerald Salisbury who is currently conducting a free private pilot ground school for other cadets and seniors in the squadron.



Cadet Garcia successfully passed his private pilot's licence on 6 January.

Recently Cadet Garcia was accepted to Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he plans to earn a degree in aeronautical science and join the Air Force ROTC.

His mother, Capt. Alina Garcia-Barbon, serves as Tamiami's deputy commander of cadets. "Daniel was the first in the family to earn a pilot's license. I'm happy that he is on the way of fulfilling his dreams," she said.

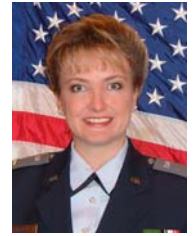
1Lt Schumacher is the PAO, Tamiami Composite Squadron

## Public Affairs

By 1Lt Kelly Green Sharkey

Newsletters are created to inform and educate a specified audience, in our case a CAP unit or event.

Last month I had the privilege of watching the PAO staff of the SER Encampment create the *Daily Dooley*. Each day the team photographed events, captured emotions, and jotted down quotes as the new cadets learned "the ropes."



In addition to creating a play-by-play of daily events, and listing noteworthy schedules, the newsletter captured individuals and their experiences. Of course the team used the Five Ws: Who, What, When, Why, and Where, but they also added a sixth: the "Whoo Hoo!" factor, which is encouragement. (And we all need encouragement!)

PAOs are the ones who provide the only "pay" our members get. It is a honor and a privilege to promote the member's activities and accomplishments. Your unit newsletter should highlight those things in addition to ensuring the members know what is going on where.

Successful newsletters are: Clear—With a distinct message to a clearly defined audience; Concise—Providing information that isn't pretentious, but succinctly offers the news; Clean—In an uncluttered presentation; Consistent—By keeping familiar elements in easy-to-find formats; and Current—With information that is timely and relevant.

Six Ws and five Cs may seem like alphabet soup, but actually they will help you create a newsletter that will "pay" your members and "pay off" in self pride.

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## From the CAP Historian...

By Capt Jim Shaw

Most of us that have been in CAP for a while have heard of the book, *Flying Minute Men of the Air, the Story of the Civil Air Patrol*, written by Robert E. Neprud. This is a very old and scarce book. Last month I encouraged everyone to try and read a little more about Civil Air Patrol's history. I am

happy to announce that an audio version of the book is currently in the works. It should be completed by early to mid March. The book is being read in its entirety and will fill approximately 6 to 7 CDs. It is also available in PDF format that can be printed out or read on your computer.

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# SER Organizational Chart

